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Note verbale dated 15 December 2000 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to enclose herewith the document entitled "Why we reject SCR 1284" in English and French.*

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq would be grateful if the High Commissioner for Human Rights could arrange to have this document adopted and distributed as an official document of the upcoming fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights, under its agenda item on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

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Annex

Why we reject SCR 1284

1. Iraq sincerely stresses that it has fulfilled during nine years, all the requirements of the security council resolutions, particularly resolution 687, in order to lift the embargo comprehensively and without additional restrictions or conditions. The resolution which was adopted does not meet Iraq's legitimate demand to lift the embargo.
2. The real purpose of America and Britain behind the resolution is not to lift the embargo, but to deceive the world public opinion because the suspension (the trick) mentioned in the American - British resolution confronts a long and complex series of new and ambiguous conditions that bear various explanation, making in effect, even this vile resolution empty of any guarantee of the suspension. More over, the timing contained therein is artificially long and exaggerated in such a manner that makes it consistent with the internal situation of America in the election year.
3. All these circumstances and conditions of this resolution make it a resolution of dubious political objectives. Further more, the resolution, in essence and format, is a re-writing of resolution 687 in a tendentious and illegal manner. This means that the security council does not observe its resolutions and does not implement its obligations under these resolutions, although resolution 687, which Iraq implemented, was one of the most unjust and abusive resolutions adopted by the security council (in its history) against Iraq.
4. The resolution aims at bringing back the Special Commission in a new disguise to Iraq in order to resume its intelligence activities.
5. The idea of suspension contained in the resolution s something strange and aims at misleading the international public opinion and has nothing to do with SCR 687 which stipulates in its para 20 on the lifting or reduction of sanctions, while, (suspension) does not mean lifting or reduction of sanctions.

6. The other dangerous element included in the resolution also is that the SC can halt the suspension upon receiving a report from the executive chairman of UNMOVIC. Accordingly the executive chairman has the powers to act as an absolute ruler, and the secretary general is just a consultative party, and what the executive chairman says goes.
7. The resolution comes up with a dangerous question which is the foreign investment in the oil sector. It requests the Secretary General to establish a group of oil experts to submit recommendations involving foreign oil companies in Iraq's oil sector including investments. This means a return to the pre-Nationalization Era.
8. When comparing 1284 with all SCRs we find that in spite of all which Iraq has implemented over a period of nine years and the aggression against it and the catastrophe inflicted on its population because of the continuation of the prohibitions in all its forms, Iraq will not be offered anything other than (suspension), which is not absolutely define and clear.
9. Resolution 1284 is an American - British attempt to re-write relevant SCR especially 687 and also represents an attempt by the SC to renegade on its reciprocal commitments towards Iraq and resorting to trammel Iraq with further conditions.

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